(c) if so, the names of the companies who have failed to commission the cellular services after obtaining licence; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government against those companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, a sum of Rs. 804.98 crores have been realised towards licence fee for the period 01.07.2000 to 30.06.2001 from private cellular mobile telephone operators. In addition, a sum of Rs. 68.59 crores has been realised from them towards wireless spectrum charges for the same period.

(b) to (d) Out of the private companies who hold Cellular Mobile Service Licences as at present, only one Company namely, M/s. Hexacom India Limited have not started their Cellular Services in North-Eastern Telecom Circle yet. All other companies have started operations in one or more places in licence Service Areas. M/s. Hexacom have informed that due to difficult law and order situation, they could not start their operations in North- Eastern Telecom Circle. A decision was taken to allow additional time as required by the licensee Company to start the service in view of the prevailing circumstances.

Filling up the vacancies in Department of Post and Telegraph

1737. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total labour force in different categories in various departments of Post and Telegraph as on December 31st, 1998, 1999 and 2000; and

(b) the number of vacancies arose and filled up during these three years in each category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The total number of employees in different categories in the Department of Posts as on 31st December, 1998, 1999 and 2000 and the number of vacancies that arose and filled up during these three years in each category in the Department of Posts is given in Statement-I (*See below*).

The total number of employees in different categories in the Department of Telecommunications as on 31st December, 1998, 1999 and 2000 and the number of vacancies that arose and filled up during these three years in Groups "A" and "B" in the department of Telecommunications is given in Statement-II (*See below*).

The relevant information in respect of Groups 'C' and 'D' is under collection.

Statement-I

Total Number of employees of different categories along with the vacancies arose / filled up in the Department of Posts during the last three years

Department of Post

Categories	Total Sanctioned Strength As on 31st December		
	1998	1999	2000
Group A	704	705	705
Group B	5921	5921	5921
Group C	223703	224441	224568
Group D	53716	53839	53791
Total	284044	284906	284985

Categories	Vacancies that arose during the year			Vacancies filled up during the year		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
Group A	173	17	74	173	17	68
Group B	326	224	265	260	150	123
Group C	8208	5919	7650	5451	4399	2133
Group D	2250	2068	2254	1571	1588	829
Total	10957	8228	10243	7455	6154	3153

Statement-II

Total strength of employees in different categories in the Department of Telecommunications alongwith the vacancies arose / filled up during the last three years

Category	Total Strength as on 31st December			Vacancies arose during the year			Vacancies filled up during the year		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
Group A	5952	6441	7347	1251	1018	1133	692	696	669
Group B	23443	23437	50514	4114	3043	2272	3016	640	741
Group C	278334	284867	265779						
Group D	112403	104324	92962						

Wrong digging of underground cables

1738. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL, Delhi has filed compensation cases against private companies and civic agencies which have damaged its underground cables in several areas of the capital;

(b) if so, whether due to wrong digging of underground cables a large number of telephones lines have become out of order;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons of assigning underground cable job to private companies; and

(e) whether any supervision was done by MTNL and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details are as follows: